

**October 17, 2013**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

### **Detroit Legal News: Hohman named State Court Administrator; Monroe judge tapped to succeed Schmucker**

"Judge John A. Hohman, Jr., a 16-year veteran of the Monroe County Probate and Family Court, has been named State Court Administrator. He will head the State Court Administrative Office, the administrative agency of the Michigan Supreme Court. He succeeds State Court Administrator Chad C. Schmucker, who is stepping down to become president of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nev."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

***Also see:***

### **SBM Blog: John Hohman, Monroe Probate Judge, Named As New State Court Administrator**

[Full story](#)

### **Honorable John A. Hohman, Jr. of Monroe named State Court Administrator**

[Press release](#)

### **Ann Arbor Chronicle: County to Keep Trial Court Budget Agreement**

"At their October 16, 2013 meeting, Washtenaw County commissioners rejected a proposal that would have given notice to eliminate a lump-sum budgeting approach for Washtenaw County's court system. The vote was 3-6, with support from only Dan Smith (R-District 2), Conan Smith (D-District 9) and Kent Martinez-Kratz (D-District 1)."

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### **Hometown Life Newspapers: Westland offers Sobriety Court**

"Instead of continuing the cycle of defendants with alcohol abuse issues completing their sentence and re-offending, Westland's 18th District Court is trying to address the problem with a Sobriety Court. 'It's a voluntary program. We have had super intensive probation. This is more intensive,' 18th District Court Judge Sandra Cicielli said."

[Full story](#)

### **Hometown Life Newspapers: Wayne, Westland courts share probation services**

"In an effort toward improved service and cost savings, Westland's 18th District Court is now handling probation for defendants from Wayne's 29th District Court.... Defendants sentenced to probation by [29th District Court Judge Laura] Mack will report to the Westland probation department. A probation officer will be at the Wayne Court weekly, likely on Thursdays when city prosecutions are handled."

[Full story](#)

### **MLW Blog: MSC: No sidestepping Court of Appeals in student-loan suit**

"A lawsuit over the discontinued 'Michigan Students First' interest-free loan program will not skip the Michigan Court of Appeals and go straight to the Michigan Supreme Court. After a circuit judge denied summary judgment in the case, the high court was asked to hear the matter and circumvent the Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Commissioners honor court**

"On Wednesday, Oct. 2, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners recognized October as Oakland County Adult Treatment Court and Juvenile Drug Court Awareness Month during its evening meeting in the Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Pontiac."

[Full story](#)

### **Petoskey News-Review: Northern Community Mediation explains court system savings**

"... Northern Community Mediation serves Charlevoix and Emmet counties, and provides an alternative to what can sometimes be an expensive experience in the court system.... Those with a case that otherwise might work through the court system meet with mediators to try to work out the problem instead."

[Full story](#)

### **Traverse City Record-Eagle: Another View: 'Dark money' in judicial races is a scandal**

The editorial states "In no branch of government is it more important for a public official to be beyond even a hint of conflict of interest than in the judiciary. Our judicial system is based on the presumption of impartiality, and anyone going into court has the right to assume that his or her case will be decided on the basis of its merits, not on the political leanings, financial interests or campaign contributors of the judge."

[Full story](#)

### **WHMI 93.5 FM/Howell: Court Of Appeals Upholds Motion Ruling In County Sewer Case**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld a ruling by Livingston County Circuit Court that was challenged by Livingston County in its ongoing litigation related to a local sewer project. After the contractor walked away from the West Grand River Sewer Extension Project years ago, the county sought to obtain damages from a surety company."

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